GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:783
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2001
AMENDMENT IN DIVORCE ACTS
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to amend the Indian Divorce Act, 1869, the Special Marriage Act, 1954, the Hindu Marriage Act,1955 and the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936 to give the radical relief to estranged wives;;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said amendments are likely to be made;

(d) the existing ceiling of maintenance allowance; and

(e) the extent to which it is likely to be increased?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c): The Government has decided to amend the Indian Divorce Act, 1869, the Special Marriage Act, 1954, the Hindu Marriage Act,1955 and the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act,1936, inter-alia, to provide for disposal of applications for interim maintenance within sixty days from the date of service of the notice to the respondent. A Bill in this regard has been introduced in Rajya Sabha on 24th July, 2001.

(d): The aforesaid Acts do not prescribe any ceiling on permanent alimony and maintenance.

(e): Does not arise.